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IN RECOGNITION OF WESLEY COLLEGE ATHLETICS, COACH RICK McCALL AND CHRIS NOLL, 2002 NCAA NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Wesley College's Chris Noll, the 2002 NCAA National Golf Champion. His victory demonstrates the success that comes from hard work, perseverance, experience of a remarkable team, a dedicated coach, and the support of an outstanding college.

The championship competition held in Nebraska last month ended a dramatic, record-breaking season for the Wolverines. After a stellar overall performance throughout the year, the Wolverines were selected by a committee to play in the NCAA Championships. At the championship, they scored their highest finish in both Wesley records and in Pennsylvania Athletic Conference history. The team dominated the Conference and won the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Tournament.

Throughout the season, Chris Noll set Wesley College records. He finished first in the Glen Health Ship Builders, the Wesley College Invitational, the King's College National Invitational tournaments and the District II Championships. The Dover sophomore was named Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Player of the Week for four consecutive weeks in addition to a Ping

All-American. He closed the season as the 2002 NCAA National Golf Champion.

For the past decade Wolverine Coach Rick McCall has worked tirelessly to successfully build and strengthen the men's golf program. McCall was named All-Middle Atlantic Region Coach of the Year this season, as well as the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. In 1989 he won the Delaware State Golf Association Annual Golf Award. Later he was given the Pat Knight Award for his lifetime contribution to junior golf and two Philadelphia P.G.A. Junior Golf Awards. He is dedicated to the game.

The success of Wesley's golf team is indicative of the depth of the community's support, and the caliber of students, faculty, and staff at the College. I commend those associated with Wesley College athletics for their commitment to preparing athletes for success both on and off the court.

Today, I congratulate Coach Rick McCall, Chris Noll and all of the fine athletes on the golf team. Athletics play a vital role in the development and integrity of students. Wesley College athletes prove that the school's emphasis on the "carry-over value of athletics" is warranted. I am proud of their achievements as student-athletes.